

HOUSE BILL 460

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AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, relative to creating a special observance day in May for law enforcement officers.

WHEREAS, in providing for the domestic tranquility of the community as a whole, society recognizes the need for a system of laws; and

WHEREAS, the enforcement of the law has been entrusted to a small number of dedicated individuals; and

WHEREAS, these individuals, known as law enforcement officers, face the rigors of human conflict on a daily basis in protecting those whom they so selflessly serve; and

WHEREAS, a number of these officers have been disabled or seriously wounded in the line of duty, and others have suffered physical impairments and other disorders caused by the hazards of their professional calling; and

WHEREAS, each year a significant number of these courageous officers give their lives in the name of this State while protecting their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that those officers who have selflessly dedicated their lives to the service of humanity through law enforcement and those officers who have given their lives in this noble cause be recognized and remembered for the accomplishment of their high purposes; now, therefore,

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 15, Chapter 2, is amended by adding the following as a new, appropriately designated section:

May 11 of each year shall be observed as "Police Memorial Day," to be proclaimed as that day by the governor, to honor and recognize law enforcement officers

in this state for their dedication and selfless service. This day shall not be a legal holiday as defined in § 15-1-101.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.